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From the INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT OR THE DECLARATION

(PCT Rule 44.1)

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) **29 MAY 2003**

Applicant's or agent's file reference
12185280TD

FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below

International application No.
PCT/AU03/00388

International filing date
28 March 2003

Applicant

MEDVET SCIENCE PTY.LTD. et al

1. ☒ The applicant is hereby notified that the international search report has been established and is transmitted herewith.

Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:

The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the international application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally two months from the date of transmittal of the international search report.

Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO
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For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2. ☐ The applicant is hereby notified that no international search report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.

3. ☐ With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:

☐ the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.

☐ no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. **Reminders**

Shortly after **18 months** from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau.

If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90bis.1 and 90bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

Within **19 months** from the priority date, but only in respect of some designated Offices, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase **until 30 months** from the priority date (in some Offices even later);

otherwise, the applicant must, **within 20 months** from the priority date, perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before those designated Offices.

In respect of other designated Offices, the time limit of **30 months** (or later) will apply even if no demand is filed within 19 months.

See the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 and, for details about the applicable time limits, Office by Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, National Chapters and the WIPO Internet site.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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International application No. PCT/AU03/00388	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 28 March 2003	(Earliest) Priority Date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 28 March 2002
Applicant MEDVET SCIENCE PTY.LTD. et al		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of **4** sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

☐ contained in the international application in written form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).

4. With regard to the title, ☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract, ☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

☒ None of the figures

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention

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International application No.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTERInt. Cl. ⁷: A61K 38/43, A61K 38/18, A61K 38/19, A61K 38/00, A61P 29/00, A61P 35/00, A61P 37/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Refer to electronic database consulted below

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
DWPI and MEDLINE. Keywords: sphingosine kinase or sphk or sph kinase, proline directed kinase, ERK, CDK2, TNF, U0126 or PD98059**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 99/12533 A (MEDVET SCIENCE PTY.LTD) 18 March 1999 Whole document	1-45
X	WO 01/85953 A (MEDVET SCIENCE PTY.LTD) 15 NOVEMBER 2001 Whole document	1-45
X	BLAUKAT, A et al. Activation of sphingosine kinase by the bradykinin B ₂ receptor and its implication in regulation of the ERK/MAP kinase pathway. Biol. Chem. January 2001, vol. 382, pages 135-139	1-9, 12-20, 28-36, 44 and 45

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C☒ See patent family annex

- * Special categories of cited documents:
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| "A" | document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance | "T" | later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention |
| "E" | earlier application or patent but published on or after the international filing date | "X" | document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone |
| "L" | document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified) | "Y" | document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art |
| "O" | document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means | "&" | document member of the same patent family |
| "P" | document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed | | |

Date of the actual completion of the international search

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X	MACHWATE, M et al. Sphingosine kinase mediates cyclic AMP suppression of apoptosis in rat periosteal cells. Molecular Pharm. 1998, vol. 54, pages 70-77 Abstract, Col. 2, page 76 onwards	1-45
X	CUVILLIER, O et al. Sphingosine-1-phosphate antagonizes apoptosis of human leukemia cells by inhibiting release of cytochrome c and Smac/DIABLO from mitochondria. Blood, November 2001, Vol. 98(9), pages 2828-2836 Abstract, Col. 2, lines 24 onwards	1-45
X,P	Johnson, KR, et al. PKC-dependent activation of sphingosine kinase 1 and translocation to the plasma membrane. J. Biol. Chem. September 2002, vol. 277 (38), pages 35257-35262	1-45
X,P	MACEYKA, M et al. Sphingosine kinase, sphingosine-1-phosphate, and apoptosis. Biochimica et Biophysica Acta, 2002, Vol. 1585, pages 193-201 Whole document	1-47
X,P	WO 02/098458 A (MEDVET SCIENCE PTY.LTD) 12 December 2002 Page 15, paragraph 2 Pages 19 and 20, and claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 19, 20	1-45

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Information on patent family members

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This Annex lists the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned international search report. The Australian Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

Patent Document Cited in Search Report				Patent Family Member			
WO	99/12533	EP	1011654	JP	2001515857T	CA	23002838
WO	02/098458						
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